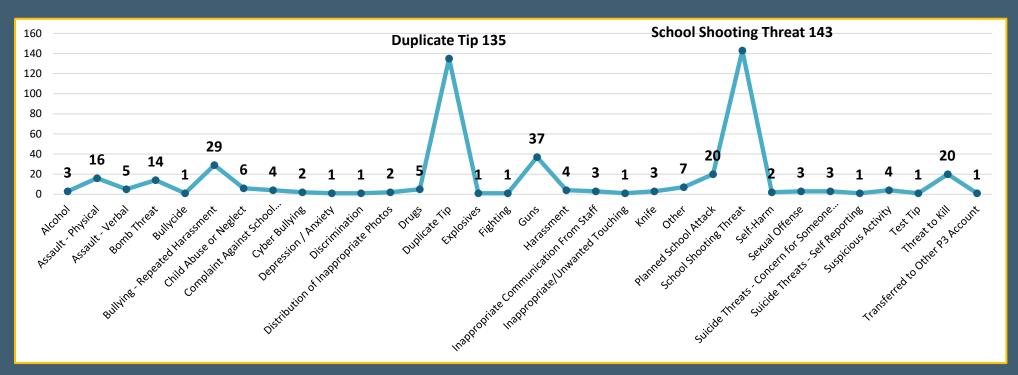
# COURAGE 2 REPORT



# SEPTEMBER 2024 ACTIVITY SUMMARY



## September Tip Summary $\sim 2e$

The tragic event at Apalachee High School in Georgia led to a significant increase in tips to Courage2Report. In September 2024, we received 479 tips, marking a 280% increase compared to the 126 tips received in September 2023. This surge highlights the heightened awareness and concern for school safety following such incidents.

On October 25th, 2024, Colonel Eric S. Olson, Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the Missouri Information Analysis Center staff in managing and following through on each tip. These efforts are crucial in maintaining school safety and addressing potential threats.

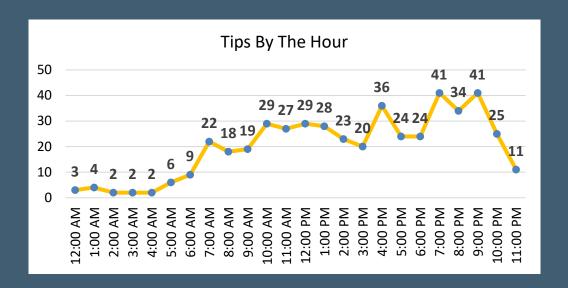


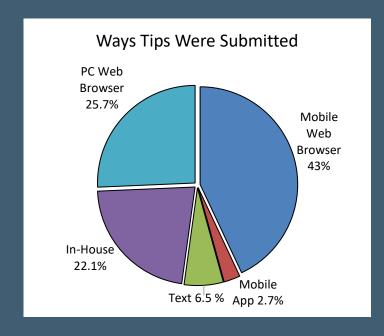
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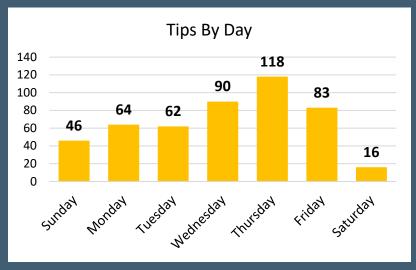
It's interesting to see how the patterns of tip submissions to Courage2Report have changed over the past year. In September 2024, the most tips were received on Thursdays, whereas last year, Fridays saw the highest number of tips. Additionally, the peak time for tips shifted from 2pm - 3pm in September 2023, to 7pm - 9pm in September 2024.

Regarding the methods of submission, it's notable that the most popular way to submit a tip in September 2024 was through a Mobile Web Browser, with 206 tips, followed by 123 tips submitted via PC Web Browser.

These changes could reflect shifts in behavior and awareness among the community.







# HANDLEWITHCARE Que





It's great to see the Handle With Care Missouri program continues to grow in its efforts to support students who have experienced potentially traumatic events. Receiving 55 HWC tips in September shows the importance and impact of this initiative.

For more information or training on the Handle With Care program, you can reach out to Tammy Walden:

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Office Phone: 573-616-1058

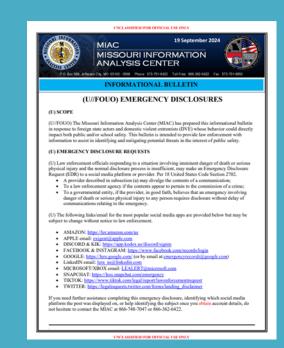
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The Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) has taken proactive steps by preparing an informational bulletin to assist law enforcement in identifying and mitigating threats to public and school safety.

For access to the Emergency Disclosure Request Guide and Preservation Request Template, contact Courage2Report:

courage2reportmo@mshp.dps.mo.gov 866-748-7047 MIAC: 866-362-6422

It's crucial to report any social media threats to Courage2Report and your local law enforcement. This helps track trends and ensures threats are thoroughly investigated. Remember, treat all threats as real until they are fully vetted.



Also, it's important to remind students to report and not repost threatening messages they see on social media. This can prevent the spread of fear and misinformation.



#### WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE'RE GOING!

#### Past Events:

09/14/2024: Suicide Prevention Walk – Eugene 11/13/2024: FBI School Safety Initiative Conference – Sullivan

#### **Upcoming Events:**

11/21/2024: CES Regional Safety Liaison Meeting – Willow Springs
12/05/2024 - 12/06/2024: The Secret to Great Crisis Communication and
Emergency Planning – Columbia
12/10/2024: Saint Louis LE Officers/K-12 Intelligence Group

These events are crucial for enhancing safety and preparedness.

To request Courage2Report training, or for us to attend and event, visit the link below and fill out our request form below.

https://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/Courage2ReportMO/documents/Updated RequestforTraining.pdf







#### Active Shooter Event Quick Reference Guide

#### When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Drop items in your hands. (e.g., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling.
- Do not ask guestions when evacuating.

#### Information to provide to 911 operators:

- Location of the active shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
- Number and type of weapons shooter has.
- Number of potential victims at location.

#### For questions or additional assistance contact:

Your local FBI Office:

FBI Headquarters National Press Office: (202) 324-3691



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#### **ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT OUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.

- Victims are selected at random.
- Event is unpredictable and evolves quickly.
- Knowing what to do can save lives.

#### **ACTIVE SHOOTER** EVENTS

When an Active Shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation.

#### You have three options:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
- Help others escape, if possible.
- Do not attempt to move the wounded.
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view.
- Lock door or block entry to your hiding place.
- Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet.

FIGHT 3

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible.
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter.
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it.

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured.

Once you have reached a safe location, you likely will be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.

#### Click below to download.

Active Shooter Event Quick Reference Guide (English) Active Shooter Event Quick Reference Guide (Spanish)

## Podcasts on School Safety









# **Understanding Firearm-Related Injury and School Violence**

In this podcast interview series, experts will discuss topics such as youth suicide prevention, anonymous reporting systems, and community engagement. Listeners will gain a broad understanding of the intersection of school safety strategies and firearm-related injury.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- » Understand the factors that lead to violent behavior in youth.
- » Recognize the importance of firearm safety.
- » Identify ways through which mentorship, pride in identity, and engagement can mitigate violent tendencies.
- » Implement and promote effective anonymous reporting systems within school settings.



**LISTEN NOW** 

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Factors such as structural racism and community resource deficits can lead to emotional and behavioral issues in students, and may contribute to firearm-related violence.
- Research has shown firearm safety is an effective strategy for preventing youth suicide.
- Ensuring safe firearm storage is essential, as a majority of school shooters obtained the firearms they used from their own home or a relative's residence.
- Encouraging community involvement, through activities like mental health workshops and support groups, can play a crucial role in creating a healthy atmosphere for students and reducing the risk of suicide.
- Ensuring that students have supportive adults can mitigate violent tendencies among youth.
- By adopting anonymous reporting systems that are both effective and culturally appropriate, schools can minimize potential threats and violence.

#### **Training Opportunities**

# The Secret to Great Crisis Communications and Emergency Planning

When: December 5-6, 2024

Where: Stoney Creek Hotel in Columbia, MO Invitees: All levels of public and private K-12 school administrators, teachers, School Resource Officers, mental wellness professionals, and other school staff What: Join us for a two-day summit designed for school leaders focused on crisis planning. This summit will provide valuable insights, best practices, and practical strategies to effectively prepare for and navigate through crises in school settings. Engage with expert speakers and connect with peers to enhance your crisis management skills to keep

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